

## IUPHAR / NIDA Young Investigator Awards

Dear IUPHAR Member Societies,

The United States National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) will, once again, be sponsoring an all-day satellite mini-convention at this years Society for Neuroscience (SfN) meeting on Friday, November 10th, 2010 in San Diego, California, USA. The "Frontiers in Addiction Research" mini-convention will have four symposia (see attached Word document) and a poster session for early career investigators (graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and junior faculty).

IUPHAR has again been asked to co-sponsor three international (non-U.S.) early career investigators who will receive travel awards of USD\$1,000 each. It is generally expected that poster presenters will be individuals who are already planning on attending the SfN meeting, and it is therefore acceptable for them to present the same poster at both meetings. The travel award is to help with their expenses and defray the extra cost of coming a day earlier.

Please send nominations, including a copy of the abstract to be presented and a CV of the young investigator, by e-mail attachment to Ms. Lynn LeCount ([iuphar@kumc.edu](mailto:iuphar@kumc.edu)) no later than Friday, May 21st, 2010.

The winners will be announced in the June issue of the "Pharmacology International" newsletter at [http://www.iuphar.org/pubs\\_newsletter.html](http://www.iuphar.org/pubs_newsletter.html).

Sincerely,

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NIDA Mini-Convention: Frontiers in Addiction Research  
Satellite meeting of the Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting  
San Diego, CA

Friday November 10, 2010  
8:00 AM – 6:25 PM

At the NIDA mini-convention satellite meeting, outstanding scientists will present recent findings and discuss future directions in the neurobiology of drug abuse and addiction. The mini-convention will include four symposia, a presentation by the Jacob Waletzky Memorial Prize winner, and the poster session for early career investigators.

The symposia this year are:

Using model organisms to discover unanticipated pathways to addiction

A fresh look at dopamine release and uptake

Role of nicotinic receptors in the medial habenula in mediating addiction to  
nicotine and other drugs

Connectivity of the human brain and its disruption by drugs of abuse